

REMARKS

In a October 13, 2003 Notice, the Office of Patent Publication, Publishing Division, informed us that an inconsistency between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification must be corrected before the patent may issue.

Specifically, the Notice states that Figures 3A-3D and 14A-14C are listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings, and that Figures 3-1, 3-2, and 14A-14K are contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.


Applicants believe they have already corrected the inconsistencies stated in the Notice. Applicants amended the specification to correct these inconsistencies in a September 24, 2003 Informal Amendment. The Informal Amendment was filed in response to a telephone conference with Mr. George Poindexter of the Publishing Division of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2003. In the telephone conference, Mr. Poindexter informed us of the same inconsistencies as stated in the Notice. Applicants filed the Informal Amendment via facsimile directly to Mr. George Poindexter's attention as requested by him.

However, to expedite matters, applicants have amended the specification at pages 7 and 9 to remove the

inconsistencies relating to Figures 3 and 14. None of these amendments adds new matter. Applicants request entry of the amendments and issuance of the patent.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this Response. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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